Sunday School Lesson

July 17, 2022

The Word Resurrects the Dead

John 11:17-27, 38-44

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Questions for Us Today

Do you believe that miracles can still happen today? Why?

Do you believe that God can ever be considered late? Why?

Sunday School Lesson Objectives

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1. To understand how and why Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

To understand how those who were there acted before and after this miracle was performed.

Sunday School Lesson Segments

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1. Lesson Context

2. Lesson Text

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Context

In the Verses of Chapter 11 which are prior to today's text, John describes what happened when Lazarus became ill and then died.

First, let's look at John 11:1-16.

Text

John 11:17-27, 38-44

1. Jesus is in Control: Verses 17-20.

2. Jesus is Always Right on Time: Verses 21-24.

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Text

John 11:17-27, 38-44

3. Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life: Verses 25-27.

4. Jesus is Lord Over Death: Verses 38-44.

John 11:17 (NIV)

On His arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

John 11:18-19

Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem,

and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet Him, but Mary stayed home.

John 11:21-22

"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

But I know that even now God will give you whatever You ask."

John 11:23-24

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die;

and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, Who is come into the world."

Context

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Now, let's look at John 11:28-37.

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.

John 11:39-40

"Take away the stone," He said. "But Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the Glory of God?"

John 11:41-42

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me.

I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

When He had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in Him.

Remember this:

MIRACLES ARE NOT JUST HISTORY.

THEY ARE CURRENT EVENTS.

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